

Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses

Mission

The West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses is a legally constituted agency of state government established by the West Virginia Legislature to promote and protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of the practice of registered professional nurses. Further, the board is authorized to regulate the practice of dialysis technicians to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

Operations

- Review and evaluate National Council of State Boards of Nursing registered nurses examination scores of each program in relation to the standard.
- Issue licenses to qualified persons in a timely fashion.
- Provide educational information to registered professional nurses, dialysis technicians and the public related to discipline, orientation to the board, advanced practice, licensure, and practice issues.
- Provide a disciplinary process.
- Expediently respond to requests related to verification of licenses, discipline cases, the function of the board, and patients' rights information.
- Continue the review and evaluation of multistate regulation.
- Provide and evaluate the effectiveness of the impaired nurse treatment program.
- Provide multiple modes of communication opportunities with the board.
- Implement the rules relative to the regulation of dialysis technicians
- Support the mission of the West Virginia Center for Nursing.

Goals/Objectives

- Function according to the code of conduct.
- Be accessible to the public.
- Assure the quality of the basic education process for registered professional nurses and dialysis technicians.
- Conduct on-site visits to at least two nursing education programs each year.
- Assure the initial and continuing competence of registered professional nurses and dialysis technicians.
- Define the scopes of practice for registered professional nursing and for dialysis technicians.
- Process complaints from health care professionals and the public.
- Review issues related to the nursing shortage.
- Implement the regulatory process for dialysis technicians by FY 2007.

Performance Measures

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2003</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>2007</u>
On-site visits to nursing education programs	6	12	7	9	5	4
Licenses issued	22,516	22,333	23,112	22,981	23,500	23,500
Complaints processed	269	263	290	234	300	250

Expenditures

	TOTAL FTE POSITIONS 11/30/2005	ACTUALS FY 2005	BUDGETED FY 2006	REQUESTED FY 2007	GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION
EXPENDITURE BY PROGRAM					
Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses	9.50	\$924,824	\$950,190	\$943,221	
TOTAL BY PROGRAM	9.50	924,824	950,190	943,221	952,792
EXPENDITURE BY FUND					
General Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: General Fund		0	0	0	0
Federal Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	0	0	0
Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
Other Expenses		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Federal Fund		0	0	0	0
Appropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		9.00	9.50	9.50	9.50
Total Personal Services		452,762	513,728	534,610	542,710
Employee Benefits		130,582	166,057	164,042	165,513
Other Expenses		341,480	213,405	187,569	187,569
Less: Reappropriated		0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Appropriated Special Fund		924,824	893,190	886,221	895,792
Nonappropriated Special Fund					
FTE Positions		0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00
Total Personal Services		0	39,335	39,335	39,335
Employee Benefits		0	6,645	6,680	6,680
Other Expenses		0	11,020	10,985	10,985
Subtotal: Nonappropriated Special Fund		0	57,000	57,000	57,000
TOTAL FTE POSITIONS BY FUND	9.00	9.50	11.00	9.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES BY FUND		\$924,824	\$950,190	\$943,221	\$952,792

